

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced on July 18, 2001, that James L. Elbaor, M.D., has signed a settlement agreement in which he agreed to pay the U.S. Government \$80,000. The civil settlement resolves allegations that Elbaor had filed false claims for patients who were insured by TRICARE.

This settlement relates to allegations that Elbaor was filing claims with TRICARE that contained misrepresented services as well as provider care, and billings for services rendered by others. As a result of this settlement agreement Elbaor has returned to the Government \$80,000, of which amount TRICARE will receive \$40,000. In this agreement Elbaor did not admit to engaging in criminal activity.